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## **Mayor Coleman, City Councilmember Klein, OSU and Consider Biking Mark Completion of City's First Bicycle Shelter**

Mayor Michael B. Coleman, City Councilmember Zach M. Klein, The Ohio State University, Consider Biking and OSU area community groups today marked the completion of the City's first bicycle shelter. The new bicycle shelter, which will hold up to ten bicycles, is located in front of Charlie's Grilled Subs and Salads at 1912 North High Street.

**"We want more people biking to work and to shop, so we are investing in these bike racks to give bicyclists safer places to lock their bikes," said Mayor Michael B. Coleman. "This is the next step in making Columbus the best bike city in the nation."**

The bike shelter is comprised of two posts, an 18-foot by 9-foot rounded roof and five U-shaped bicycle racks for up to 10 bicycles. Nine additional bike shelters will be built in Columbus through the spring of 2012.

**"These shelters will encourage residents to live a healthy, active lifestyle by giving them a simple alternative to driving," said Zach M. Klein, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee. "The City of Columbus and cycling community are constantly looking for new ways to make biking fun and easy for everyone."**

The nine additional bike shelters will each consist of two posts, a rounded roof and bike racks, but will vary in size as space at each location allows:

- Five will measure 18 feet by 8 feet and will accommodate up to 10 bikes each
- Two will measure 24 feet by 8 feet and will accommodate up to 14 bikes each
- Two will measure 12 feet by 8 feet and will accommodate up to six bikes each

**"With a growing number of people using bicycles for strictly transportation purposes, there is a growing demand for end-of-ride facilities," said Jeff Stephens, executive director of Consider Biking. "These bike parking structures meet that demand with elegance, functionality, and cost effectiveness. But most importantly, they send a highly visible message that bicycling is a viable and mainstream form of transportation, worthy of equitable investment in infrastructure needs. "**

Informational displays will be added to all 10 bike shelters in 2012.

The total cost for the first ten bike shelters is \$300,000 and is funded through the City's Capital Improvements Budget.

The bike shelters are included in the City's Bicentennial Bikeways Plan, which serves as a guide for bike-related improvements on and along streets through the City's Bicentennial in 2012 and through to 2028. Expansion and improvements to the City's bike path network are being planned and complete separately of the Bikeways Plan through the Recreation and Parks Department.

**City of Columbus Bike Shelter and Bicycling Infrastructure Facts**

- ◆ First 10 Bike Shelters at nine locations (October 2011 – Spring 2012)
  - In front of 1912 North High Street: 18 feet by 9 feet with five racks to accommodate up to 10 bikes
  - Southeast corner of West Broad Street and Washington Boulevard: 18 feet by 8 feet with five racks to accommodate up to 10 bikes
  - Northwest corner of Grant State Streets: 18 feet by 8 feet with five racks to accommodate up to 10 bikes
  - Southwest corner of Nationwide Boulevard John W. McConnell Boulevards (Two shelters at this location): Each of the two shelters will be 12 feet by 8 feet with three racks to accommodate up to 6 bikes
  - Southwest corner of Park and Goodale Streets: 24 feet by 8 feet with seven currently-existing racks to accommodate up to 14 bikes
  - Northeast corner of Park and Goodale Streets: 24 feet by 8 feet with seven currently-existing racks to accommodate up to 14 bikes
  - Southwest corner of High and East Lincoln Streets: 18 feet by 8 feet with five racks to accommodate up to 10 bikes
  - Southeast corner of High Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue: 18 feet by 8 feet with five racks to accommodate up to 10 bikes
  - Northwest corner of High Street and Dunedin Road: 18 feet by 8 feet with five racks to accommodate up to 10 bikes
  
- ◆ In 2011, the Department of Public Service has invested \$2 million in:
  - 367 sharrows pavement markings on 10 miles of roadways
  - 76 bike racks
  - The first 10 bike shelters in Columbus at 9 locations
  - Completion of the Hilltop Bikeway Connector that includes:
    - A combination of bike lanes, sharrow pavement markings and bike route signs on 1.1 miles of roadways
    - The 1.1 mile of roadways include:
      - Two-tenths of a mile of bike lanes on both sides of Harper Road between the Scioto Hilltop Connector Bridge at Harper Road and McKinley Avenue and the city limits at the railroad tracks immediately east of North Highland Avenue
      - Four Bike Lane signs on Harper Road
      - Four Share The Road signs and 12 sharrow pavement markings on North Eureka Avenue between Steele Avenue and the city limits immediately south of Valleyview Avenue
      - A combined 47 Ohio To Erie Trail signs on North Eureka Avenue, Harper Road, Steele Avenue and North Westgate Avenue
    - In addition to improvements by the City, the Franklin County Engineer's Office has installed two Bike Route signs at the intersection of North Eureka and Valleyview avenues
    - A bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the Scioto River connecting McKinley Avenue with the Scioto Bike Trail on the north side river
      - The bridge is the result of a partnership between the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

- Completion of 0.5 mile of new bike lanes in and around the Parsons and Livingston intersection
  - Livingston Avenue between Kennedy Place and 17th Street
  - Parsons Avenue between Denton Alley and Moobery Street
- ◆ In 2011, the Recreation and Parks Department:
  - Has invested \$3.2 million in City capital improvement funds and \$2 million federal funds in 1.75 miles of bike paths:
    - 1 mile of the Alum Creek Trail
    - 0.5 mile of the Scioto Trail
    - 0.25 mile the Harrison West Connector
  - New Bike Sharing Kiosks (6 downtown rental stations)
  - Through partnerships:
    - With The Ohio State University, will construct 0.5 miles of bike path in the Olentangy River Road bikeway, between Lane Avenue and Dodridge Street
    - With Metroparks, will construct 2.25 miles of bike path in the Hines Road Bikeway
  - Bikeway bridge improvements and connections:
    - Dodridge Street bridge over the Olentangy River (partnership with the Franklin County Engineer's Office)
    - Livingston Avenue over Big Walnut Creek (partnership with the Franklin County Engineer's Office)
- ◆ Since the city of Columbus implemented its Bicentennial Bikeways Plan in 2008, the city has invested \$5.3 million in bikeways projects, including:
  - Department of Public Service has invested \$4.5 million in projects:
    - Installed Share the Road signs on 19.6 miles of roadways, including:
      - North High Street between Nationwide Boulevard and boundary with the city of Worthington
      - West Broad Street between Central and Hague Avenues
      - Milton Avenue Bike Boulevard, between Como Avenue and Northmoor Place
      - West Lane Avenue, between North High Street and Olentangy River Road
      - Francisco Road, between Kenny and Gettysburg Roads
    - Installed sharrow pavement markings on 17.8 miles of roadways, including:
      - North High Street between Nationwide Boulevard and boundary with the city of Worthington
      - Lockbourne Road, between Livingston Avenue and Frebis Avenue
      - West Lane Avenue, between North High Street and Olentangy River Road
      - Neil Avenue, between West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Spring Street
      - Bryden Road, between Parsons Avenue and Nelson Road
      - Ponderosa Drive, between East Dublin-Granville Road and Rainier Avenue
    - Installed Bike Boulevard pavement markings on roadways:
      - Wheatland Avenue/Steele Avenue/Westgate Avenue Bike Boulevard
      - Milton Avenue Bike Boulevard, between Como Avenue and Northmoor Place
    - Installed bike lanes on 6.4 miles of roadways, including:
      - Morse Road, between I-71 and Cleveland Avenue
      - West Broad Street, between Central Avenue and Hague Avenue
      - Lockbourne Road, between Groveport Road and S.R. 104
      - Hard Road, between S.R. 315 and Smoky Row Road

- Roberts Road, between I-270 and Hilliard-Rome Road
  - Installed signs designating streets as designated bicycle routes on 12.7 miles of roadways, including:
    - Olentangy to Alum Creek East-West Bikeways Connector
    - Scioto to Alum Creek East-West Bikeways Connector
  - Installed 286 bike racks around Columbus
- ♦ In addition to Bicentennial Bikeways Plan improvements done by the Department of Public Service, the Recreation and Parks Department has:
- Invested \$800,000 in City capital improvement funds and \$3.4 million in federal in four miles of bike paths:
    - Three miles of Alum Creek Trail (near east side and towards Easton)
    - One mile of Scioto and Blacklick Trails